



Utah's Own Acreage Enhancement Grant Program

Purpose:

To provide additional nutrition and choice to Utah consumers through increased production of high value vegetables. To provide production and marketing opportunities to individuals who may then be encouraged to chose farming as a life occupation or avocation, and to encourage and provide opportunities to Utah restaurants, caterers, and others to purchase and market locally produced products as part of the Utah's Own program.

Expected outcome:

Vegetables will be grown on ground not currently being farmed for vegetables and marketed to Utah's Own consumers through members of the Utah's Own program. Grant recipients will gain knowledge that helps them to choose agriculture production for their careers.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are Utah residents who can demonstrate the ability to raise crops due to their own experience or through the assistance of others who have successfully raised produce and/or tree fruit.

Utah Land

Projects will be limited to land within the boundaries of the State of Utah.

Matching Funds

Matching funds are not required but will be used in the selection process to evaluate grant submissions.

Payment of funds:

One Thousand dollars will be awarded at the time of the award with the remaining \$1,000 to be paid upon completion of project and receipt and approval of final report from grantee to UDAF.

Deadline for Submitting Proposals

Proposals shall be received by the Marketing and Development Division of UDAF by May 2, 2008 to be considered. Proposals can be forwarded electronically to: rsparks@utah.gov or mailed to Attn: R Sparks, UDAF, PO Box 146500, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6500. Personal delivery may be made to 350 N. Redwood Road, SLC, UT 84114 (proposals may not be mailed to street address).

Funding

Cash from Utah's Own program, farm ground and water provided by land owner, and potentially some cash from marketing outlets.

Awarding of Grants

Funding will be awarded on a competitive basis. Maximum award will be \$2,000.